

Consideration for request from the Division of Outdoor Recreation for approval of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) 2006-10, a 5-year master plan for outdoor recreation in the State of Indiana, which qualifies the State for Land and Water Conservation Fund grant money; Administrative Cause No: 07-039T



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RE: Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2006-10

Dear Natural Resource Commission members,

The IDNR, Division of Outdoor Recreation (DOR) is submitting the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) 2006-10 for your review. The SCORP is a 5-year master plan for outdoor recreation in the State of Indiana which qualifies the State for Land and Water Conservation Fund grant money. It is the culmination of four years of research about the supply, demand, and needs of outdoor recreation in Indiana. It overviews six public surveys (analysis and recommendations), reports on the current supply of outdoor recreation opportunities (as documented by the DOR Facilities Inventory), and specifies priorities for outdoor recreation in the State for the next five years. The SCORP recommendations and priorities are meant to be a guide for outdoor recreation providers in both the public and private sectors; additionally, it will be used by public providers at all levels (i.e., township, municipal, county, state, and federal).

This SCORP has an underlying theme of health and wellness and how it is related to outdoor recreation. It promotes addressing accessibility issues, and considering universal design, when retrofitting or building new facilities. The SCORP also encourages seeking funding from sources other than grants. We have tried to remain in-line with state and federal initiatives while urging providers to think outside of the box to satisfy the needs of their communities and provide facilities, programs, and opportunities that are specified by public input.

It is our hope that you view the SCORP as a complete, high quality document that will be well received by the legislative body and used by outdoor recreation providers throughout Indiana.

Thank you for your review and acceptance of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2006-10!

Sincerely,

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